



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Joint Executive Council for Veterans Organizations

7 August 2019

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Commissioner

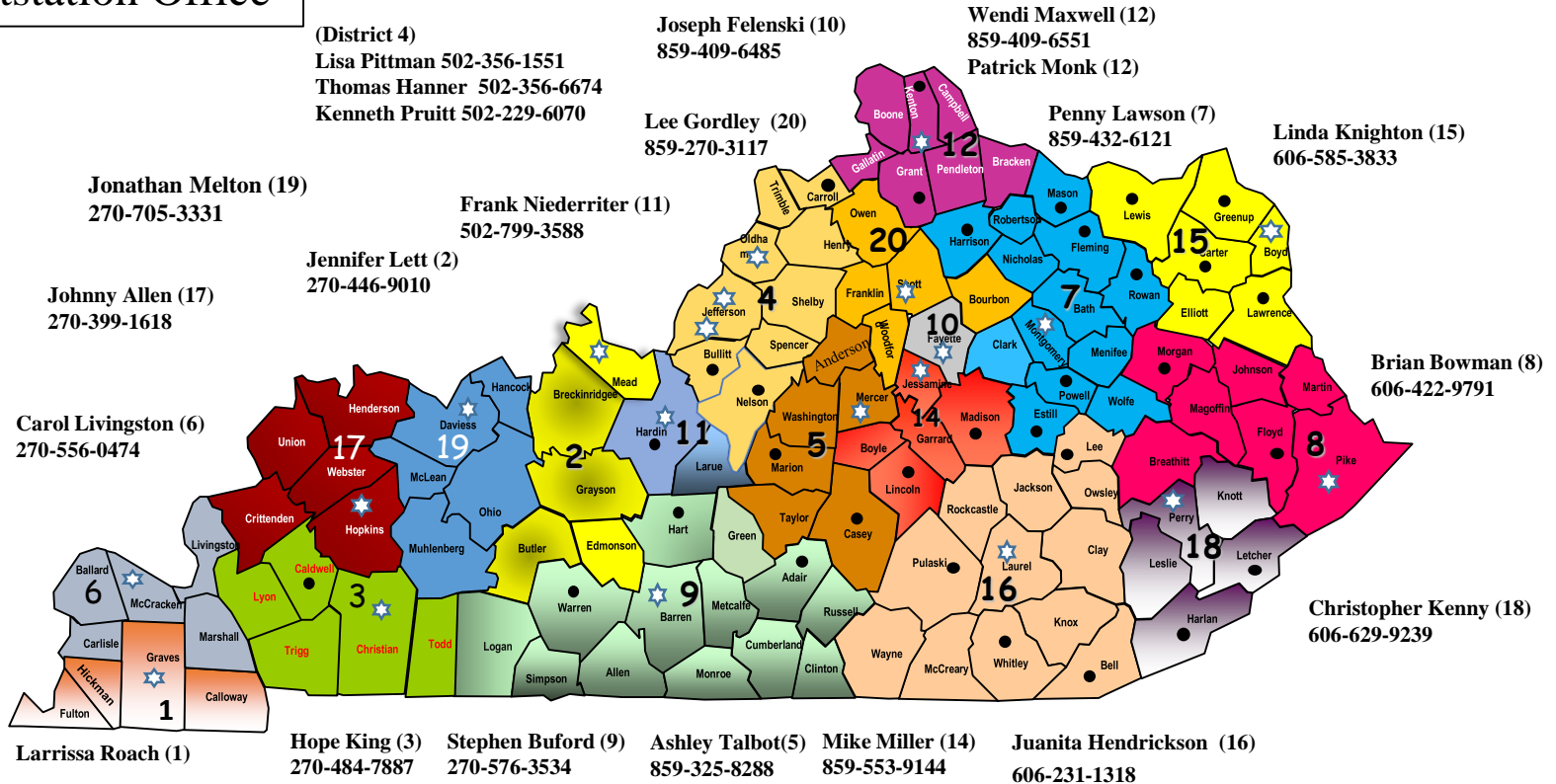
Agenda

- Veterans Benefits Branch/Field Operations
- State Veteran Centers (Nursing Homes)
- State Veteran Cemeteries
- Homeless Veterans Program
- Women Veterans Program
- KyVETS
- Veterans Program Trust Fund
- Legislative Update
- Events & News

KDVA Benefits Branch Field Offices

22 Field Representatives in 19 Districts

- ★ Primary Office
- Outstation Office

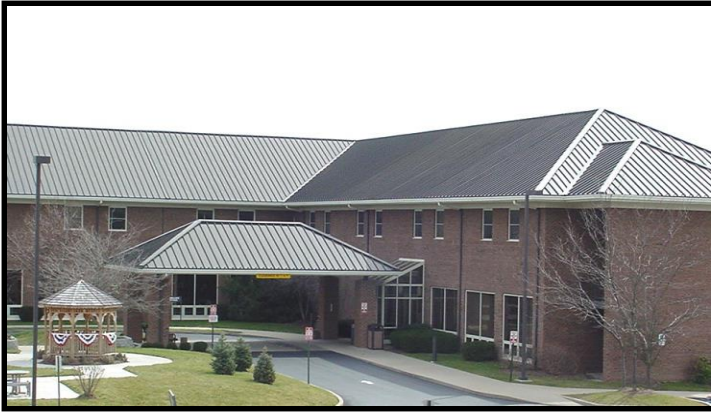


Revised 6 August 2019

- Barbourville Outstation closed 1 July 2019 (Use Corbin or Pineville outstations, or London field office)
- Cynthiana Outstation closing 1 September 2019 (Use Williamstown outstation, or Mt. Sterling, Lexington, or Georgetown field offices)
- Maysville Outstation closing 1 September 2019 (Use Flemingsburg outstation)
- Irvine Outstation closing 1 September 2019 (Use Berea, Stanton, Beattyville, or Mt. Sterling outstation)

Veteran Centers

As of 1 August 2019



Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore, KY
 $165/285 = 58\%$ (+ 3% since last meeting)
Opened in 1991



Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, KY
 $91/156 = 58\%$ +2% since last meeting)
Opened in 2002



Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard, KY
 $110/120 = 92\%$ (+4% since last meeting)
Opened in 2013



Radcliff Veterans Center, Radcliff KY
 $71/120 = 59\%$ (+9% since last meeting)
Opened in 2017

Veterans Cemeteries

As of 1 August 2019

KVCW, Hopkinsville, KY



Opened March 1, 2004

Interments:

Veterans	3,231
Dependents	<u>1,196</u>
Total	4,427
Cremated	1,279

KVCC, Radcliff, KY



Opened June 1, 2007

Interments:

Veterans	5,194
Dependents	<u>1,283</u>
Total	6,477
Cremated	2,024

KVCN, Williamstown, KY



Opened August 22, 2008

Interments:

Veterans	1,479
Dependents	<u>330</u>
Total	1,809
Cremated	705



KVCNE, Grayson, KY



Opened October 1, 2010

Interments:

Veterans	896
Dependents	<u>201</u>
Total	1,097
Cremated	332

KVCSE, Hyden, KY



Opened May 1, 2018

Interments:

Veterans	26
Dependents	<u>4</u>
Total	30
Cremated	11

Total : 13,840



Homeless Veterans Program



- The current Operation Victory home on Parthenia Ave in Louisville is expected to be completed in September.
- Operation Victory will began construction on the next home as soon as the home on Parthenia Ave is completed.
- Accepting applications from homeless veterans for the next 3 homes through Operation Victory.
- Continuing to provide financial assistance for veterans to prevent homelessness or help them become housed.
- **Onetime assistance raised to \$500 (\$750 maximum) effective 1 July 2019.**
- Homeless Veteran Program Coordinator is Eileen Ward, (502) 564-9203, email eileen.ward@ky.gov



Homeless Veterans Program

Financial Assistance



FY 2019 (1 Jul 18-30 Jun 19)

Total assistance paid out	\$62,457.65
Avg. per veteran	\$243.98
Veterans assisted with Housing	131
Veterans assisted with Utilities	<u>125</u>
Total veterans assisted	256

FY 2020 (1 Jul 19 to Present)

Total assistance paid out	\$13,3520.10
Avg. per veteran	\$409.70
Veterans assisted with housing	23
Veterans assisted with Utilities	<u>10</u>
Total veterans assisted	33



Women Veterans Program



- Email address
women.veterans@ky.gov
- Women Veterans' Town Hall Meeting:
 - We are seeking feedback on women veterans' issues in preparation for a future women veterans' conference 2019-2020
 - We will publish several dates for Town Hall meetings
- Please share any women veterans events with KDVA for us to post on our web page and social media
- Acting Women Veterans Program Coordinator April Brown, cell 502-234-4854, email april.brown@ky.gov

Employment Support Program



KyVets Veteran Services:

- Resume review and update
- Referral to employers
- Referral to other resources
- Education & Training
- HireKy website & App (<https://login.bfacmobile.com/m/hireky>)



KyVets Employer Services:

- Education on why hiring veterans is good business
- Matching veterans skills and experience to employer needs
- Free advertisement of positions
- Top talent referrals
- HireKy website & App (<https://login.bfacmobile.com/m/hireky>)



New KyVETS Program Coordinator is April Brown

(502) 564-9203, email april.brown@ky.gov or kyvets@ky.org



Veterans Program Trust Fund



Last Meeting 12 June 2019

- 12 Grant Applicants
- 10 Grants Approved

Total Obligated \$245,582.96

Next Meeting 18 September 2019

- 10 Grant Applicants
- Deadline for submitting grant applications is 19 August 2019

Legislative Update

- Property Tax Exemption for Veteran Service Organizations
 - HB 153: The version that KDVA drafted was sent to A & R where it DIED
 - **ACTION TAKEN: 9 July 2019 Briefed Budget Review Subcommittee of the General Government, Finance, Personnel, & Public Protection Committee**
 - **ACTION NEXT: Briefing to Interim Joint VMAPP Committee**
 - **ACTION NEEDED: VSOs need to contact their legislators.**
- Fee Free License Plate for 100% Disabled Veterans
 - HB 277: Extends free plate to those NOT 100% but paid at 100% rate. Died in Transportation Committee during last session.
 - **ACTION TAKEN: KDVA continues to meet with Transportation Cabinet key players for next legislative session.**
 - **ACTION NEEDED: VSOs need to contact their legislators.**
- Exempt 100% of a Veteran's Military Pension from State Income Tax
 - HB 66, HB 58, and HB 15: All died in A & R.
 - **ACTION TAKEN: 9 July 2019 Met with Sen. Chris McDaniel**
 - **ACTION NEEDED: FULL COURT PRESS REP. MOORE AND CONTACTS IN A & R.**
- Nurse Student Loan Repayment Program
 - HB 296: Signed by Governor Bevin.
 - **ACTION NEXT: Request ABR to fund program during next legislative session.**
 - **Effective Date: 1 January 2020**
 - **Anticipated first payout: 2021 after one year of satisfactory performance**



Events & News

(August/September)



- 9 Aug 19: Gold Star Families Day at the Ball Park and Military Appreciation Night, Louisville Slugger Field, Louisville, KY
- 10-15 Aug 19: National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs Conference, Omaha, NE
- 20 Aug 19: Deadline to submit Korean War Medallion Applications to KDVA
- 6-7 Sep 19: KY Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Lexington, KY
- 18 Sep 19: KY Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Meeting, Frankfort, KY
- 20 Sep 19: Korean War Veterans Commemoration Ceremony, Frankfort, KY
- 11 Oct 19: VMAPP Committee Meeting, Frankfort, KY
- 18 Oct 19: Korean War Commemoration Presentations, Hansen, KY
- 29 Oct 19: Community Information Exchange, Ft. Knox, KY
- 3-11 Nov 19: Week of Valor events and activities, Lexington & Louisville, KY



Questions?